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NEW HAMPSHIRE



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TOWN OFFICERS

12-31-78

Moderator
Paul Buck

Selectmen
Samuel Abbott
1981

Richard Humphrey
1979

Town Clerk
Bonnie Lee Albert
1979

Constable
Richard W. Clancy
1979

Tax Collector
Bonnie Lee Albert
1979

Health Officers
Selectmen

Treasurer
Helen Albert
1979

Librarian
Katherine Buck

Road Agent
Lewis J. Albert
1979

**Secretary to
Selectmen**
Deborah Tatham

Police
David J. Albert
1979

Louise Clancy
1981

Library Trustees
Elizabeth Abbott
1980

Verna Matthews
1979

Fire Warden
C. Denis Matthews

David J. Albert
James Parris

Deputy Warden
James. J. Albert
Lewis J. Albert

Floyd Colby Sr.
Edward Smith

Mildred Schweitzer
1984

**Supervisors
of Checklist**
Elizabeth Abbott
1982

Yvonne Stevens
1979

**Trustee of
Trust Funds**
Elizabeth Abbott
1980

SELECTMEN'S LETTER

Your Selectmen are pleased that the tax rate dropped a whole penny for 1978, and are even more pleased to report that the Town's deficit, incurred in 1976 and 1977, has been reduced from \$3,671.29 to \$2,641.65. The Town books actually show a surplus of \$1,395, which is deceiving because it includes \$4,037.53 reserved for special purposes, mainly funds from the sale of the school house and from accrued interest on the Cemetery Funds. The Town's net gain from 1978 was \$1,029.64, shown by the deficit decrease.

The Groton School House was sold to the highest bidder for \$3,568.78. Since this money is derived from the sale of Town property, it is to be kept for major improvements.

We are proposing to relieve the suffering of travelers on the River Road by rebuilding Groton's section, so are asking your approval of a \$33,000 note for the purpose. A new River Road and last year's extensive patching on the North Groton Road should result in freeing annual maintenance money for the upgrading of other sections of Town roads. Efforts must continue to improve them.

Numerous corrections have been made on the tax maps, but we are well aware that there are still many more to be made. We continue to urge all who have written evidence or other physical evidence regarding errors in boundaries or disputed ownership to bring it to us so that we can have Eastern Appraisals make the changes.

The Selectmen are grateful for the cooperation of the townspeople throughout the year. The October 25 public meeting for discussion of the plans for a new school plant was better supported by Groton than were such meetings in any Town in the School District. We feel that again the Town Affairs have run smoothly and with relative efficiency, thanks to the fine work of all Town Officers and employees, as well as to the interest and help of the people.

Samuel L. Abbott
Richard Humphrey
James J. Albert

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**WARRANT FOR 1979 ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE TOWN OF GROTON**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at North Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next, polls to be open at three o'clock in the afternoon until nine o'clock in the afternoon for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in this warrant at six o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to give a two percent discount on taxes paid within fifteen days of the Tax Collector's mailing date.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$322.55 in order to secure from the State the \$2,150.32 for Class IV and V highways.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and authorize the Selectmen to place in Capital Reserve Funds the following: a. \$1,500 for a new truck; b. \$1,000 for a new sander.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for the repair and sealing of roads.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the summer and winter maintenance of highways, and to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund the sum of \$2,795.08 to offset the sum, with the remaining \$8,204.92 to be raised from taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000 to be used for the improvement and reconstruction of the 1.3 mile portion of the River Road located in the Town of Groton, said sum to be raised by borrowing on the credit of the Town through the issuance of a note, bond, notes, or bonds of the Town of Groton pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, R.S.A. Chapter 33, said notes or bonds to be repaid over a 5 year period at the rate of \$6,600.00 per year.

Article 9. To see if the Town, in the event of an affirmative vote on Article 8, will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$825 for interest on the River Road notes or bonds for one half year (July 1 - December 31, 1979).

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,750.00 for a new truck and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Capital Reserve Fund, Truck, the sum of \$6,379.31 to offset the purchase price, with the remaining \$7,370.69 to be raised from taxes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for a new sander, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw said sum from the Capital Reserve Fund, Sander, to offset purchase price, with the remaining \$179.47 to be raised from taxes.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to consolidate the balances remaining in the two Capital Reserve Funds, the truck fund and the sander fund, into a single Capital Reserve Fund for a new truck and accessories.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in remuneration for Town Officers and employees:

Town Clerk	from \$400 to \$775 per year
Town Treasurer	from \$500 to \$575 per year
Tax Collector	from 1 % to 1-1 / 2 % of the warrant
Road Agent	from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per hour
Moderator	from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per hour
Supervisors of The Check List	from \$2.75 to \$3.10 per hour
Road Workers	from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per hour
Secretary	from \$600 to \$750 per year
Other Workers	from \$2.75 to \$3.10 per hour

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the maintenance and improvement of the dump.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$372.00 for the support of the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency.

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Baker River Audio Visual Center, established by Federal Grant in 1974.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and pay the obligations of the Town.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell and convey or otherwise dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town by any Tax Collector's deed.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the election of a Police Officer and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint Police Officers and a Chief of Police, same to take effect the day after the 1980 Town Meeting.

Article 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th Day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-nine.

Samuel L. Abbott
Richard Humphrey
James J. Albert
Selectmen of Groton

A true copy, ATTEST:

Samuel L. Abbott
Richard Humphrey
James J. Albert
Selectmen of Groton

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land	\$ 4,728,092
Buildings	2,179,626
Electric Lines	599,394
Boats	900
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Total Before Exemptions	\$ 7,508,012
Elderly Exemptions (3)	15,000
Net Valuation on Which Tax is Computed	7,493,012
Number of Inventories Mailed	322
Date Mailed	3-24-77
Number Returned	283
Number of Property Owners Applying for Current Use	10
Number of Property Owners Granted Current Use	10
Number of Acres Under Current Use	2,792.4
Computation of Rate: $7,493,012 \times 1.02 = 76,428.72$	
Gross Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 76,428.72
Less Estimated War Serv. Credits	900.00
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Net Property Commitment*	\$ 75,528.72

*subject to any adjustment by reason of increase or decrease in war service tax credits.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Bldgs.	\$ 15,000
Furniture and Equipment	2,000
Libraries, Land and Bldgs.	8,000
Furniture and Equipment	2,000
Police	2,000
Fire	500
Highway Dept., Land and Bldgs.	1,500
Truck	9,000
Other Equipment	2,500
Selectmen's Office	5,000
Equipment	1,000
Town Dump	3,000
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Total	\$ 51,500

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenues for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year 1979 (1979-80)
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,135.00	\$ 5,800.00
Town officers' expenses	2,500.00	3,836.98	2,500.00
Election & Registration expenses	400.00	913.38	500.00
Expenses town hall & other buildings	2,500.00	1,304.37	1,500.00
Reappraisal of property	1,500.00	1,237.50	1,600.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	2,500.00	2,648.49	2,500.00
Fire department, inc. forest fires	2,200.00	2,059.86	2,200.00
Planning and Zoning	50.00		50.00
Insurance	2,600.00	2,409.00	2,800.00
River Ice		640.00	
Health Department:			
Health Dept. - Hospital-Ambulance	700.00	653.25	700.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	2,000.00	1,275.24	2,000.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town road aid	283.73	283.73	322.55
Town Maintenance	12,000.00	9,495.46	11,000.00
Street Lighting	250.00	302.24	350.00
General expenses of highway dept.	2,500.00	2,455.39	2,500.00
Sealing & Repairs	7,500.00	7,500.77	7,500.00
Libraries:			
Library	700.00	700.00	800.00
Baker River Audio Visual	80.00		80.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	200.00		200.00
Old age assistance	500.00	91.50	500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day - Old Home Day	50.00		50.00
Recreation:			
Parks & Playgrounds, inc. band concerts	200.00	142.00	300.00
Community Center	94.50		
Public Services Enterprises:			
Cemeteries		159.35	150.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal expenses	500.00		500.00
Advertising & Regional Association	250.00	80.00	250.00
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds		101.55	125.00

Debt Service:			
Interest on temporary loans	1,200.00	1,053.75	1,200.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Fund			
Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Sander	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$51,258.23	\$45,978.81	\$50,477.55
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School Appropriations	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 31,213.21	\$ 40,705.00*
County Tax	10,598.52	13,000.00	11,570.30*
Total Town, School & County Appropriations	\$93,856.75	\$90,192.02	\$102,752.85*

* Estimate

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1979 (1979-80)
From Local Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 1,550.00
Yield Taxes	2,500.00	1,354.27	2,500.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	325.00	904.26	325.00
Resident Tax Penalties		21.00	25.00
From State:			
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,100.00	1,098.86	1,100.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	500.00	429.25	430.00
Savings Bank Tax	135.00	172.87	175.00
Highway Subsidy	3,397.24	3,407.00	3,381.24
Town Road Aid	1,891.51		2,150.32
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	220.00	282.74	275.00
Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires		11.93	
Reimb. a/c Recreation Lands	15.45		15.00
Business Profits	115.00	226.28	225.00
Gas Tax	80.00	57.64	50.00
Additional Highway Subsidy		1,892.92	2,192.25
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	4,000.00	5,881.50	5,750.00
Dog Licenses	150.00	266.00	200.00
Business Licensed, Permits and Filing Fees	215.00	86.50	75.00
Rent of Town Property	1,565.00	50.00	
Insurance Adjustment		278.00	
Gift	100.00	115.00	100.00
Redeposit of checks		50.90	
Penalty Charge (bad check)		5.00	
Timber Tax bonds		1,334.40	
Sale of Town Property		3,578.78	
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:			
Revenue Sharing Fund	3,699.18	3,699.18	2,795.08
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	\$21,258.38	\$26,694.28	\$23,313.89

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND
TAXES ASSESSED FOR TAX YEAR 1978**

Appropriations :

Town Officers' Salaries	5,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00
Election and Registration	400.00
Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	2,500.00
Revaluation	1,500.00
Police	2,500.00
Fire	2,200.00
Planning	50.00
Insurance	2,600.00
Health	700.00
Dump	2,000.00
TRA	283.73
Summer and Winter Maintenance	12,000.00
Street Lighting	250.00
General Expense, Highway	2,500.00
Sealing and Repairs	7,500.00
Library	700.00
Baker River Audio Visual	80.00
Town Poor	200.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00
Patriotic	50.00
Recreation	200.00
Community Center	94.50
Legal Expenses	500.00
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	250.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,200.00
Capital Reserve	
Truck	1,000.00
Sander	1,500.00

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits

Resident Taxes	1,400.00
Yield Taxes	2,235.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	325.00
Resident Tax Penalties	10.00
Meals and Room Tax	1,099.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	429.00
Savings Bank Tax	173.00
Highway Subsidy	3,407.00
Reimb. a/c Forest Lands	220.00
Reimb. a/c fires	10.00
Gas Tax	50.00
Reimb. a/c Recreation Lands	15.00
Dog Licenses	250.00
Permits	50.00

Motor Vehicle Permits	4,000.00	
Filing Fees	15 00	
Gifts	100.00	
Revenue Sharing Fund	3,699.00	
Total Town Appropriations		51,258.23
Total Revenues and Credits		17,487.00
Net Town Appropriations		33,771.23
Net School Appropriations		27,092.23
County Tax Assessment		11,546.00
Total of Town, School and County		72,409.46
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax		266.28
Add: War Service Tax Credits		900.00
Add: Overlay		3,345.49
Property Tax To Be Raised		76,388.67

1978 TAX RATE

Town	.51
School	.36
County	.15
	<u> </u>
	\$1.02

**BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF GROTON**

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	\$ 2,014.10
Capital Reserve Funds:	
(For the acquisition of equipment and new construction)	
State purpose of Fund	
Truck	4,879.31
Sander	3,320.53
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Total	8,199.84
Accounts Due to the Town	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing	2,795.08
Prepaid Insurance	1,577.00
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Total	4,372.08
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1977	1,018.01
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Total	1,018.01
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1978, including Resident Taxes	10,860.99
Yield 1978	1,511.74
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	\$ 12,372.73
Total Assets	\$ 27,976.76
Grand Total	\$ 27,976.76
 Current Surplus (Deficit), December 31, 1977	 (3,671.29)
Current Surplus (Deficit) December 31, 1978	1,395.88
Increase-Decrease of Surplus (Deficit) Change in Financial Condition	5,067.17

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	2,795.08
Due to State:	
2% - Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	
(Uncollected \$251.95)	
(Collected - not remitted to	
State Treas. \$267.38)	519.33
County Taxes Payable	3,570.30
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	11,496.33
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Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$ 18,381.04

Capital Reserve Funds:

(Offsets similar Asset account)	\$ 8,199.84
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Total Liabilities

\$ 26,580.88

Current Surplus [Excess of assets over liabilities]

1,395.88

Grand Total

\$ 27,976.76

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
TOWN OF GROTON
YEAR ENDED 12-31-78

Revenues:

1978 Property Tax	\$ 62,548.63
1978 Resident Tax	1,350.00
1978 Yield Tax	920.64
Previous Years Prop. and Yield Tax	12,189.93
Previous Years Resident Tax	140.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	547.58
Resident Tax Penalties	21.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	1,245.23
Highway Subsidy	3,407.00
Savings Bank Tax	429.25
Reimb. a/c Forest Lands	282.74
States share Forest Fire	11.93
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,098.86
Business Profits Tax	226.28
Dog Licenses	266.00
Permits and Filing Fees	86.50
Bad Check Charge	5.00
Plowing Driveways	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	5,881.50
Insurance Adjustment	278.00
Gifts	115.00
Sale of Town Property	3,578.78
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,334.40
Revenue Sharing	3,699.18
Redeposit of Returned Checks	50.90

	\$ *99,764.33

Expenditures:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,135.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,836.98
Election	913.38
Town Hall and Other Buildings	1,304.37
Revaluation	1,237.50
Police	2,648.49
Fire	2,059.86
Insurance	2,409.00
Health	653.25
Dump	1,275.24
*TRA	283.73
Town Maintenance (Roads)	9,495.46
Street Lighting	302.24
General Expense Highway	2,455.39
Libraries	700.00
Old Age Assistance	91.50
Recreation	142.00
Cemeteries	159.35
Highway Subsidy	5,610.31
Repair and Sealing	7,500.77
River Ice	640.00
Adv. and Regional Assoc.	80.00

Taxes Bought By Town		\$ 1,916.80
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds		101.55
Interest on Short Term Notes		1,053.75
Capital Reserve Funds		2,500.00
Payment to State		432.69
County Tax		13,000.00
School: Ledger Total	\$ 33,816.08	
less stop payment	2,602.87	
net expenditure		31,213.21
		<u> </u>
		\$ *98,151.82

*Bills for \$1,891.51 for cold patch for the North Groton Road were paid by the State directly to the supplier, so the sum does not appear on the Town records.

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Cash on hand 1-1-78	\$.77
Received from Selectmen		
2-13-78		30.00
6-19-78		30.00
12-31-78		30.00
		<u> </u>
	\$	90.77
Expenditures:		
stamps for dog notices, tax bills (Resident, property and yield) notices of interest due,		
money orders, certified mail for tax sale accounts.		
		<u> </u>
		-76.35
		<u> </u>
Cash on hand 12-31-78	\$	14.42

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1978 Motor Vehicle Permits		\$ 5,881.50
Dog Licenses	293.00	
less Clerk's fees	27.00	
		<u> </u>
		266.00
Dump stickers		37.50
Filing Fees		14.00
Plowing Drives		50.00
Penalty, taxpayers' bad check charge		5.00
		<u> </u>
		\$ 6,254.00

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Lee Albert
Town Clerk

4B Merrill Terrace
Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264
January 30, 1979

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Groton, New Hampshire 03241

Gentlemen:

All books and accounts of the Town Officers were examined. The Selectmen's payments were checked with the vouchers. Each voucher had an attached invoice or time sheet.

The Treasurer's bank balance was reconciled with the Cash Book balance.

The Town Clerk's accounts were checked.

Information on motor vehicle permits issued was not available as of January 27, 1979; therefore, no examination was made of the motor vehicle permits.

The warrants given to the Tax Collector were checked against payments received. Unpaid taxes were confirmed by mail on a negative basis.

The Report of Town Audit and the Auditor's Report on Revenue Sharing Funds were filed with the New Hampshire State Tax Commission as required by law.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph M. Jordan
Town Auditor

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY of 1978
- DR. -

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 75,089.97	
Resident Taxes	1,470.00	
Total Warrants	76,559.97	\$ 76,559.97

Yield Taxes		2,682.38
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 61.20	
	61.20	61.20

Overpayments During Year:

a/c Property Taxes	\$ 8.26	
	8.26	8.26

Interest Collected on

Delinquent Property Taxes		3.32
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes

		7.00
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TOTAL DEBITS

		\$79,322.13
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- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 62,548.63	
Resident Taxes	1,350.00	
Yield Taxes		
Prepaid 250.00 Collected 920.64	1,170.64	
Interest Collected	3.32	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	7.00	
	65,079.59	\$ 65,079.59

Discounts Allowed

1978 Property Tax Credits Paid in 1977		957.80
		31.01

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 881.00	
	881.00	881.00

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 10,740.99	
Resident Taxes	120.00	
Yield Taxes	1,511.74	
	12,372.73	12,372.73

TOTAL CREDITS

		\$79,322.13
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**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1977
- DR. -**

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1978:

Property Taxes	\$ 12,074.37	
Resident Taxes	190.00	
Yield Taxes	433.63	

		\$ 12,698.00

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	\$ 10.00	

		10.00

Interest Collected on

Delinquent Property Taxes		395.58
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes

	14.00

TOTAL DEBITS

	\$13,117.58

- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1978:

Property Taxes	\$ 11,743.74	
Resident Taxes	150.00	
Yield Taxes	433.63	
Interest Collected During Year	395.58	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	14.00	

		\$12,736.95

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 330.63	
Resident Taxes	50.00	

		380.63

TOTAL CREDITS

	\$13,117.58

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY of 1976
- DR. -**

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1978:

Property Taxes	\$ 2.56	

		\$2.56

Interest Collected on

Delinquent Property Taxes	8.68	

TOTAL DEBITS

\$11.24

- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal

Year Ended December 31, 1978:

Property Taxes	\$ 2.56	
Interest Collected During Year	8.68	

\$11.24

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1978:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	- 0 -	
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TOTAL CREDITS

\$11.24

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978**

- DR. -

	1977	1976
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1978		\$314.48
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	1,916.80	
Interest Collected After Sale	<u>.55</u>	<u>31.41</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,917.35	\$345.89

- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:		
Redemptions	\$ 898.79	\$ 314.48
Interest & Costs After Sale	.55	31.41
Unredeemed Taxes - Dec. 31, 1978	<u>1,018.01</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,917.35	\$345.89

REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Bonnie Lee Albert - Collector

1976 Property tax	\$ 2.56
1976 Interest	8.68
1977 Property tax	9,836.94
1977 Interest	395.58
1977 Resident Tax	140.00
1977 Resident tax penalties	14.00
1978 Resident Tax	1,350.00
1978 Resident tax penalties	7.00
1977 Yield taxes	433.63
1978 Yield taxes	920.64
Taxes Redeemed	1,245.23
1977 Tax Sale (Bought by Town)	1,916.80
1978 Property tax	62,548.63
1978 Property tax interest	3.32

State of N.H.

Reimb. a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	282.74
States Share (Forest Fire)	11.93
Business Profits Tax	226.28
Interest and Dividends Tax	429.25
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,098.86
Highway Subsidy	3,407.00
Additional Highway Subsidy	1,892.92
Gas Tax Refund	57.64
Bank Tax	172.87

Pemigewasset National Bank

Temporary Loans	50,500.00
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Town Clerk

1978 Motor Vehicle Permits	5,881.50
Dog Tax	266.00
Plowing Driveways	50.00
Filing Fees	14.00
Penalty Charge (Bad Check)	5.00
Dump Permits	37.50

Longyear Foundation

Contribution to Town	100.00
Gift to Police Department	15.00

Selectmen

Building Permits	13.00
Pistol Permits	22.00
Timber Tax Bonds	1,334.40
Groton School Property Sale	3,578.78

Helen Albert, Treasurer

Revenue Sharing Fund	3,699.18
Stop Payment Check	2,602.87

Bristol Real Estate and Ins.

Insurance Adj.	278.00
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Individual Taxpayers

Redeposit of Returned checks	40.40
Bad Check	10.50
TOTAL	154,850.63
CASH ON HAND JAN 1, 1978	2,176.37
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GRAND TOTAL	\$157,027.00

PAYMENTS

Selectmen's orders paid	\$155,012.90
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BALANCE	\$ 2,014.10
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	Respectfully submitted,
	Helen L. Albert
	Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING FUND

Balance beginning of year 1 / 1 / 78	\$ 3,699.18
Deposits	2,613.00
Interest	182.08
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TOTAL	6,494.26
Withdrawal 6/20/78	3,699.18
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Balance	\$ 2,795.08

SUMMARY QF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

Taxes	\$ 78,823.01
From State	7,579.49
From Local Sources	
Town Clerk	6,147.50
Selectmen permits	86.50
Taxpayers bad checks	55.90
Plowing	50.00
Stop Payment of Check	2,602.87
Proceeds Temporary Loans	50,500.00
Revenue Sharing	3,699.18
Insurance Refund	278.00
Bonds	1,334.40
Gifts	115.00
From Sale of School House	3,578.78

Sub Total	154,850.63
Cash on hand 1-1-78	2,176.37

Total	\$157,027.00

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,135.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,836.98
Election and Registration	913.38
Town Hall and Other Buildings	1,304.37
Police	2,648.49
Highway Subsidy	5,610.31
Fire	2,059.86
Insurance	2,409.00
Revenue Sharing	3,699.18
Health	653.25
Repair and Sealing	7,500.77
River Ice	640.00
Dump	1,275.24

Summer Maintenance	2,394.73
Winter Maintenance	7,100.73
TRA	283.73
Street Lighting	302.24
General Expense, Highway	2,455.39
Libraries	700.00
Old Age Assistance	91.50
Recreation	142.00
Revaluation	1,237.50
Cemeteries	159.35
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	80.00
Taxes bought by Town	1,916.80
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	101.55
Withholding tax	(173.01)
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,053.75
Temporary Loans	50,500.00
Capital Reserve	2,500.00
State and County	13,432.69
School	33,816.08

Total	\$154,942.00

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Samuel Abbott, Chmn., Selectman	\$ 900.00
Richard Humphrey, Selectman	800.00
James J. Albert, Selectman	800.00
Bonnie Lee Albert, Collector and Clerk	535.00
Helen L. Albert, Treasurer	500.00
Norma Anderson, Secretary	300.00
Deborah Tatham, Secretary	300.00

	\$ 4,135.00

Town Officers' Expenses

N.H. Town and City Clerks, dues	20.00
New England Telephone, phone	74.36
Richard Clancy, secretarial	91.65
Richard Clancy, expenses	2.65
Helen Albert, expenses	108.86
Brown and Saltmarsh, supplies	49.68
Bedor and Assoc., audit	250.00
Bonnie Albert, petty cash	90.00
Wheeler and Clark, supplies	18.93
Postmaster, Hebron N.H., stamps	160.80
Richard Humphrey, expenses	10.95
Mountain Media, printing	564.00
Bonnie Albert, clerk and collector	1,073.14
Norma Anderson, expenses	15.25
Bi-Rite, calculator	89.97
Bristol Real Estate and Insurance, bonds	166.00
Homestead Press, printing	18.52
N.H. Tax Collector Assoc., dues	12.00
The Enterprise Press, ads	11.20
R.H. Llewellyn Co., supplies	23.74
Norma Anderson, secretarial	10.50
N.H. Municipal Assoc., dues	400.00
Sprint Print, printing	4.00
Homestead Press, supplies	41.08
A.E. Martell Co., checks	130.35
Kenneth Martell Jr., cleaning	6.50
Sears and Roebuck Co., supplies	48.67
John R. French, survey of school prop.	113.00
Mountain Media, supplies	31.00
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officials, dues	20.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc., lecture series	5.00
Clay's News Stand, supplies	10.33
Bonnie Albert, tax collector convention	126.00
Branhan Publishing, auto reference books	16.35
Town of Plymouth, copying	6.50
Deborah Tatham, expenses	14.00
Stop payment check	2.00

	\$ 3,836.98

Election and Registration

Evans Printing Co., voter reg. cards	6.25
Enterprise Press, printing	131.60
Mountain Media, ballots	55.25
David Albert, police	17.87
Norma Anderson, clerk, pro tem	25.50
Paul Buck, moderator	66.00
Theodore Kendall, police	97.57
Kenneth Martell Jr., ballot clerk	44.50
Alice Norman, ballot clerk	16.50
Barbara Hobart, ballot clerk	30.25
Mae Blake, ballot clerk	46.75
Yvonne Stevens, supervisor of checklist	112.75
Elaine Karkheck, supervisor of checklist	39.58
Mildred Schweitzer, supervisor of checklist	71.50
Enterprise Press, advertising	8.40
Elizabeth Abbott, supervisor of checklist	74.25
Mountain Media, advertising	31.47
Mountain Media, printing	7.20
Helen Minnich, ballot clerk	13.75
Brown and Saltmarsh, supplies	16.44

\$ 913.38

Town Hall and Other Buildings

N.H. Electric Co-op, power	224.59
Chas Carr, oil	312.83
John Matthews, labor	249.45
George Merrill, labor	56.00
Richard Clancy, paint	49.65
Trumbull Hardware, materials	92.85
Richard Clancy, labor	54.50
Prescott Lumber, materials	17.49
Kenneth Martell Jr., cleaning and mowing	61.75
Norris Smith, mowing	30.00
Merrimack Farmers, materials	30.50
Deborah Tatham, cleaning	6.50
Peabody's Hardware, materials	16.03
Campton Sand and Gravel, cold patch	102.23

\$ 1,304.37

Police

Richard Clancy, time and expense	168.90
David Albert, time and expense	1,007.98
Radio Shack, materials	37.90
Brooks Auto, equipment	41.00
Equity Printing, police books	14.00
Wright Communications, work on radio	34.23
Ben's Uniforms, uniforms and assesories	303.52
Edward Smith, time and expense	416.02
Paul H. Ingersoll, siren	150.00
W.S. Darley Co., supplies	91.95
Ted Kendall, time and expense	116.15
The Printers, supplies	45.05
Trumbull's Hardware, supplies	2.58
Wheelen Engineering, strobe lights	200.00
N.H. Electric	19.21

\$ 2,648.49

Highway Subsidy	
Campton Sand and Gravel, cold patch	5,610.31
Fire	
Town of Hebron, Brown fire	36.00
C. Denis Matthews, forest fire bill	23.86
Hebron Fire Dept., appropriation	1,000.00
Rumney Fire Dept., appropriation	1,000.00
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	\$ 2,059.86
Insurance	
Bristol Real Estate and Insurance, insurance	2,409.00
Revenue Sharing	
Lewis Albert, truck	60.00
Lewis Albert, labor	502.25
Mark Bestick, labor	27.62
Leroy Guy, labor	100.75
Norman Waldron, labor	264.86
Paul Norman, labor	45.50
Frank Hobart, labor	24.37
Tony Albert, power saw	19.50
Leroy Guy, power saw	30.00
Norman Waldron, power saw	43.00
James Albert, truck	160.00
Michael Hobart, labor	20.00
Tony Albert, labor	87.75
Freeman Patten, repairs	5.00
Norris Smith, mowing	110.00
Edward Smith, labor	52.00
Edward Smith, backhoe	112.00
Edward Smith, truck	112.00
Edward Smith, moving equipment	15.00
Campton Sand and Gravel, cold patch	1,907.58
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	\$ 3,699.18
Health	
Pemi Baker Home Health, appropriation	372.00
Newfound Ambulance, appropriation	281.25
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	\$ 653.25
Repair and Sealing	
Lewis Albert, truck	55.00
Lewis Albert, labor	476.00
Norman Waldron, labor	169.00
Tony Albert, labor	61.75
Edward Smith, moving equipment	15.00
Ernest Mitchell, backhoe	50.00
Kenneth Martell Jr., labor	52.00
Custer Reed, labor	26.00
Edward Smith, backhoe	471.25
Norris Smith, mowing	125.00
Edward Smith, labor	52.00
William Tallman, labor	84.50
Edward Smith, truck	468.00
Campton Sand and Gravel, cold patch	4,470.90
Ray Patterson, labor	82.87
Robert Higgins, grader	841.50
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	\$ 7,500.77

River Ice

Earth Inc., dozer	640.00
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Dump

Lewis Albert, labor	98.00
David Norman, labor	6.50
Tony Albert, labor	6.50
Paul Norman, labor	6.50
Edward Smith, dozer	78.80
Everett Hobart, attendant	1,017.50
Mountain Media, dump stickers	22.00
Enterprise Press, advertising	11.20
Everett Hobart, labor	16.24
Lewis Albert, trips to unlock dump	12.00

\$ 1,275.24

Summer Maintenance

Lewis Albert, labor	257.25
Samuel Evangelista, labor	56.87
Frank Hobart, labor	58.50
Tony Albert, power saw	46.00
Samuel Evangelista, power saw	27.00
James Albert, truck	152.00
Mark Bestick, labor	130.00
Michael Hobart, labor	13.00
Paul Norman, labor	47.12
Norman Waldron, labor	104.00
Leroy Guy, labor	39.00
Norman Waldron, power saw	64.00
Town of Hebron, rent of rake	60.00
Campton Sand and Gravel, cold patch	889.99
Robert Higgins, grader	450.00

\$ 2,394.73

Winter Maintenance

Lewis Albert, truck	893.50
Lewis Albert, labor	1,631.00
Nicholas Adams, labor	68.25
David Albert, labor	3.25
Michael Hobart, labor	542.76
Edward Smith, loader	1,136.00
Edward Smith, labor	6.50
Edward Smith, truck	625.00
Freeman Patten, repairs	52.50
Kenneth Martell Jr., labor	178.76
International Salt Co., salt	1,339.44
Ernest Mitchell, backhoe	40.00
Raymond Davis, grader	225.00
Tony Albert, labor	14.63
David Norman, labor	1.63
Paul Norman, labor	125.13
Edward Smith, plowing Town House	49.00
Frank Hobart, labor	27.63
Robert Colby, labor	29.25
Raymond Davis, sand	105.00
Charles Matthews, labor	6.50

\$ 7,100.73

TRA	
State of N.H., appropriation	283.73
Street Lighting	
N.H. Electric Co-op, power	302.24
General Expenses, Highway	
Yeaton Oil, gasoline	974.62
Camper's Rest, gasoline	14.00
O.B. Johnson, oil and grease	55.94
Brooks Auto Parts, parts	127.05
N.H. Explosives, blades	240.50
Central Petroleum, oil	42.65
Freeman Patten, repairs	372.50
Charles Gould, parts	15.00
Webster Motors, parts and repairs	160.03
Shortts Garage, parts and equipment	289.48
Kelley's Auto Body, repairs	11.00
Sanell Auto Parts, parts and repair	21.19
Hebron Village Store, antifreeze	6.98
American Service Specialists, repairs	42.20
Paige Welding Co., repairs	39.50
Merrimack Farmers, supplies	42.75
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	\$ 2,455.39
Libraries	
Groton Library, appropriation	700.00
Old Age Assistance	
State of N.H.	91.50
Recreation	
Bristol Community Center	94.50
Lewis Albert, Hebron-Groton athletic assoc.	12.50
Norris Smith, Hebron-Groton athletic assoc.	35.00
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	\$ 142.00
Revaluation	
Eastern Appraisal Co., services	1,237.50
Cemeteries	
Kenneth Martell Jr., labor	99.35
Trumbull Hardware, lawn mower	60.00
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	\$ 159.35
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	
Baker River Audio Visual	80.00
Taxes Bought by Town	
Taxes bought at tax sale	1,916.80
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	
Frank Bryer, refund	31.93
Gerald Berry, refund	2.98
Gerald Brunelle, refund	8.72
Carol Herting Clark, refund	8.26
Lorena Brown, discount	1.80
Aileen Yinger, discount	6.55
Richard Fischer, refund	41.31
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	\$ 101.55

Withholding Tax	
IRS, withholding	(173.01)
Interest on Temporary Loans	
Pemigewasset National Bank	1,053.75
Temporary Loans	
Pemigewasset National Bank	50,500.00
Capital Reserve	
Truck	1,000.00
Sander	1,500.00
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	\$ 2,500.00
State and County	
State of N.H., yield tax 2%	424.69
State of N.H., dog license fee	8.00
Grafton County, balance 77 tax	5,000.00
Grafton County, partial '78 tax	8,000.00
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	\$13,432.69
School	
Newfound Area School District	\$33,816.08

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

PAYMENTS JAN. 1 1978 thru DEC. 31 1978

Kathy Buck, Material reimb. and services	\$ 536.77
N.H. State Library	11.00
Nathaniel Dame and Co.	32.89
National Geographic Society	9.95
Rands Hardware	14.85
World Book Encyclopedia	21.90
Publishers Central Bureau	60.21
Book Club Associates	62.37
Deborah Tatham (services)	15.12
Newfound Mem. High School	15.97
Silver Burdett Company	30.52
Trow News Agency	6.19
Virginia Hikel (services)	35.75
The Literary Guild	4.56
Bank Service Charge	7.60
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 865.65
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1978	42.06
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 907.71

RECEIPTS JAN 1 1978 thru DEC. 31 1978

Cash on hand Jan 1 1978	151.46
Selectman's Appropriation	700.00
Refund-Tower Publishing Co.	4.00
Sale of Maps	2.50
Refund-Precotts	6.75
Dividend-Bristol Bank (Marj. Warner Fund)	1.00
Donation Zelma Watts Memory	42.00
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TOTAL	\$ 907.71

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen L. Albert
Library Treasurer

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books purchased 1978	
Adult (fiction and non-fiction)	55
Juvenile (fiction and non-fiction)	21
Books donated 1978	
Adult (fiction and non-fiction)	3
Juvenile (fiction and non-fiction)	1

Total new books 1978	80
Books owned January 1978	2,032

	2,112
Books discarded during 1978	42

TOTAL books owned, December 31, 1978	2,070
Books borrowed from bookmobile in 1978	848
Services:	
Adult volumes loaned	612
Juvenile volumes loaned	743
Magazines loaned	128
Audio-Visual items loaned	69

TOTAL items circulated	1,552

This past year the arrangement of the library's collection was greatly improved with the installation of permanent shelving along one wall. The funds which allowed us to do this were donated to the library, and we are grateful to the donor.

Once again a workshop was held during the summer months. About sixteen children between the ages of five and twelve attended each of the sessions. In addition to our regular Thursday hours from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. we have expanded library hours to include Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00.

We are fortunate to have a library which offers the best in children's books and where current adult fiction and non-fiction are readily available, either through our own purchases or from the state. Membership in the Baker-River Audio-Visual Center provides access to a wide variety of equipment and software which has been enjoyed both in the library and at the Village School. About twenty townspeople take advantage of these facilities on a regular basis - plan to join them in 1979!

Katherine Buck
Librarian

GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Police Department is pleased to report that we have had a relatively quiet year, with no unusually difficult problems. More progress has been made in improving equipment.

Chief Albert and Officer Edward Smith have completed the first course required for State certification of Police Officers. They and part-time Officer Ted Kendall of Enfield are now enrolled in a second sixteen week course to further strengthen their backgrounds for police work.

Oversight of the Sculptured Rocks area is still a problem. Continuing heavy use of the area gives us continuing concern about campers and fire danger, as well as control of heavy traffic, vandalism, and litter.

Your police are dependent on the help of the community in reporting troubles and suspicious activity. Promptness in notifying the police is most important, and of course it is very helpful if registration numbers and descriptions of vehicles can be supplied.

Law enforcement help can be reached at the following telephones: 1-800-552-0393 (toll free) Grafton County Dispatch (Sheriff's Office).

744-8664
744-3691

David J. Albert, Chief
Edward Smith, Officer

The Department wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Albert, Chief

NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION 1978

Received from five towns		\$ 4,996.00
Savings Account		3,370.86
Paid to Fred Emmons		3,500.00
Total calls	281	
Unpaid calls	90	
Alexandria	25	
Bristol	156	
Bridgewater	23	
Hebron	14	
Groton	5	
New Hampton	28	
Danbury	7	
Hill	8	
Franklin	15	
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REPORT OF DISTRICT FOREST FIRE CHIEF and YOUR FOREST FIRE WARDEN

For more than 80 years, a cooperative effort between the State of New Hampshire and local forest fire authorities has created a forest fire prevention and suppression program that is recognized as superior throughout the United States.

Since the first forest fire laws were written in 1895, the state and local community governments have worked together to prevent and combat forest fires.

Today, 249 forest fire wardens and more than 1,800 deputy wardens are appointed every three years by the State Forester to work with the members of the State Forest Fire staff in this effort. State funds are used to pay one-half the cost of forest fire suppression costs incurred by local forest fire organizations, within pay rates established by the Governor and Council. State funds matched by local funds are used to purchase hand tools to suppress forest fires, to train local forest fire crews and in forest fire prevention work.

All outside burning, when the ground is not covered with snow, is permitted only after obtaining a written fire permit from your local Forest Fire Warden. Penalty for burning without a permit when one is required is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or a jail term of up to one year or both.

REMEMEBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

1978 Forest Fire Statistics		
	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,433	460
District	37	20.2
Town	0	0

John Q. Ricard
District Fire Chief

Carroll D. Matthews
Forest Fire Warden

**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
CAPITAL RESERVE**

TOWN TRUCK FUND

Balance on hand 1-1-78 acct. #50683	\$ 3,676.08
11-15-78 Town Appropriation	1,000.00
11-1-78 Interest	183.77
12-1-78 Interest	19.46

Total Available 12/31/78	\$ 4,879.31

TOWN SANDER FUND

Balance on hand 1-1-78 acct. #55437	1,722.89
11-15-78 Town Appropriation	1,500.00
11-1-78 Interest	86.14
12-1-78 Interest	11.50

Total Available 12/31/78	\$ 3,320.53

Tercentennial Fund (from Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee. Purpose: to be used at Tercentennial in 2076. Created July 1978)

7-15-78 Balance on Hand	180.00
12-1-78 Interest	3.66

Total in Savings 12-31-78	\$ 183.66

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF CEMETERIES
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Cash balance forward 1-1-78			Total
Savings Account	#25171	\$ 50.00	
	25172	100.00	
	36736	231.98	

			\$381.98
Income Received	25171	3.18	
	25172	6.24	
	36736	13.44	

Expenses	None		22.86
Balance on hand 12-31-78			Total
Savings Accts.	25171	53.18	
	25172	106.24	
	36736	245.42	

			\$ 404.84

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Abbott, Trustee

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

In Plymouth, February 14, 1978, Brian Wesley Skinner, son of Robert and Crystal Skinner.

In Groton, September 7, 1978, Jessie Lila Darrell, daughter of Douglas and Gail Darrell.

In Plymouth, September 30, 1978, Timothy Peter Guy, son of Leroy and Laurie Guy.

In Plymouth, October 13, 1978, Kenneth Joseph Martell, son of Kenneth and Louise Martell.

In Plymouth, October 22, 1978, Ryan Wesley Willey, son of Norman and Shirley Willey.

MARRIAGES

In Rumney, N.H., March 11, 1978 by Rev. Harold David Walters - George LeRoy Fletcher to Emily Cheryl McEnany.

In Haverhill, N.H., June 23, 1978 by A. Mitchener - Jeffrey Davis and Katherine Eva Smith.

In Dorchester, N.H., June 30, 1978 by Rev. John M. Fischer - Richard Clyde Humphrey and Donna Hersa Spurling.

DEATHS

In Plymouth, August 20, 1978, Zelma Griffin Watts, age 74.

Bonnie Lee Albert
Town Clerk

